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SUBJ: TAKFIR: LIBYAN CONNECTION "CONFIRMED"

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1. LIBYA: APPEARING BEFORE SPECIALSESSION PA JULY 17, DEPMIN-
INT MAJGEN NABAWI DECLARED SECURITY FORCES HAVE UNCOVERED
FINANCIAL LINK BETWEEN TAKFIR AND "ONE OF COUNTRIES OF RE-
JECTION FRONT, NAMELY LIBYA". FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS UNDERWAY
INTO ORGANIZATION'S FINANCIAL BACKING. NABAWI SAID BLANK
SIGNED BY "INDIVIDUAL NOW ABROAD" HAD BEEN FOUND DURING
RECENT SEARCHES. IMPLICATION CLEAR THAT LIBYA WAS SOURCE OF
CHECK.

2. ARRESTS: ACCORDING NABAWI, ALL INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED
IN BHAHABI ASSASSINATION NOW ARRESTED. SOCIETY'S PLANS AND
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"ARMS WAREHOUSES" SEIZED. SECURITY FORCES HAD BEEN ON ALERT
SINCE TAKFIR'S INCEPTION. NABAWI, EARLIER, HAD REVEALED SOC-
IETY'S PLAN TO EXPLODE BOMB IN CAIRO'S CENTRAL TAHRIR SQUARE
DURING RUSH HOUR, IN EFFORT KILL MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PEOPLE.
NABAWI STATEMENT BEFORE ASSEMBLY FOLLOWED, BY ONE DAY, MIL-
ITARY PROSECUTOR'S BAN ON FURTHER PUBLICATION OF NEWS
CONCERNING TAKFIR INVESTIGATION.

3. BOMB: PRESS, JULY 16, REPORTED BOMB EXPLOSION IN MANSURA. ELEVEN PEOPLE REPORTEDLY INJURED. THIS WAS FOURTH BOMB EXPLOSION SINCE DHAHABI'S ASSASSINATION. ACCORDING PRESS, EXPLOSION TOOK PLACE DURING POLICE SEARCH.

4. LEGISLATION: SATURDAY, JULY 16, AHAM CLAIMED ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION, INCLUDING DEATH PENALTY, UNDER PREPARATION FOR DEALING WITH TAKFIR-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS. LEGISLATION WOULD ADDRESS THOSE USING TERRORISM OR ESTABLISHING ORGANIZATIONS HOSTILE TO SOCIAL SYSTEM.

5. SOPS TO ISLAMIC RIGHT. EGYPTIAN STATE COUNCIL JULY 14 REFERRED TO MINJUSTICE DRAFT LAW PROVIDING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR MUSLIM APOSTATES. BILL REPORTEDLY ALSO INCLUDES RETURN TO TRADITIONAL PUNISHMENTS (E.G. HAND CHOPPING) FOR LESSER CRIMES. JULY 16 PRESS CLAIMED WAQF MIN SHARAWI DRAWING UP NEW PLAN TO REVITALIZE TEACHING OF ISLAM.

6. IKHWAN. MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD MONTHLY AL-DAWA APPEARED ON NEWS STANDS JULY 18 FOR FIRST TIME SINCE DHAHABI MURDER. EDITORIAL CONDEMNING KILLING, BURIED ON LAST PAGE, FOLLOWS SAME GENERAL LINE AS PREVIOUS IKHWAN STATEMENT (REF B) HIGHLIGHTING UNDESIRABLE ESTRANGEMENT BETWEEN RULER AND RULED. BLAMED MUCH OF TAKFIR'S EXTREMISM ON FACT TAKFIR LEADERS INCARCERATED DURING 60'S AND HAD LITTLE OPPORTUNITY

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TO PURSUE PROPER ISLAMIC INSTRUCTION. CALLED ON OFFICIALS TO PROCEED IN CORRECT ISLAMIC WAY. ELSEWHERE IN ISSUE, AL-DAWA DENIED IKHWAN PLOTTING OR CALLING FOR COUP OR REVOLUTION.

7. COMMENT: AUTHORITIES STILL HAVE NOT RELEASED FIGURES ON NUMBER SUSPECTED TAKFIR MEMBERS ARRESTED. SAUDI CONTACT CONTINUES MAINTAIN TOTAL AROUND 1,500, ALTHOUGH HE ASSURED ONLY 2-300 HARCORE WILL BE PLACED ON TRAIL (REF A). REMAINDER REPORTEDLY WILL BE RELEASED FOLLOWING APPREHENSION FORMER POLICE LT ABD AL-ALIM, WHO STILL AT LARGE. EMBASSY PRESS CONTACTS PUT NUMBER ARRESTED MUCH LOWER, IN 350-400 RANGE.

8. NABAWI'S ALLEGATION OF LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT NOT SURPRISING IN VIEW RECENT POINTED LEAKS. SAUDI CONTACT MAINTAINS MAJOR LIBYAN FINANCING UNLIKELY. MANNER OF PURPORTED PAYMENT-BLANK CHECK- STRIKES US AS UNCONVINCING WAY TO FINANCING CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATION..

9. APOSTATE BILL LIKELY EITHER LANGUISH IN MINJUSTICE OR FACE EMASCULATION IN ASSEMBLY, AS DID EARLIER LAW ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. BILL, AND OTHER EFFORTS GENERATE MOVEMENT AMONG LEGITIMATE ISLAMIC INSTITUTIONS, ARE INDICATIVE OF

GOVT DESIRE CRACK DOWN ON TAKFIR WITHOUT WEAKENING RIGHT-
WING ABILITY TO CHECK LEFTISTS. IN ATTEMPTING TO DO THIS,
GOVT IS WALKING EXCEEDINGLY NARROW LINE AS WITNESSED BY VERY
GROWTH OF TAKFIR.
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